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Docket No. R97-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES OF NASHUA, DISTRICT, MYSTIC & SEATTLE (NDMS/USPS-T32-37d, 38, 39, 41 - 43 AND 46)

The United States Postal Service filed today responses to the following interrogatories of Nashua, District, Mystic & Seattle, dated September 4, 1997: NDMS/USPS-T32-37d, 38, 39, 41 - 43 and 46. (Witness Needham's responses to redirected NDMS/USPS-T32-37a-c and 40 were filed yesterday).

All consultations necessary for the preparation of the responses could not be completed in time yesterday to make the production and printing deadline. Accordingly, these responses were not filed yesterday.

To mitigate the impact of this delay, the Postal Service is sending facsimile copies of the responses to NDMS counsel today.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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